



Franklin County

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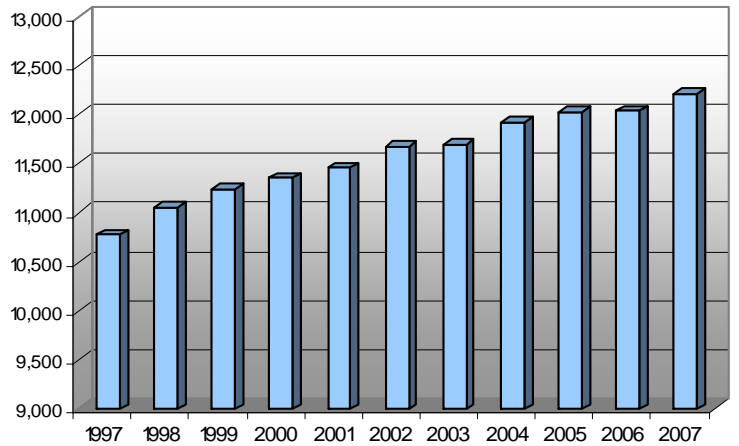
Work Force Trends

Population

Franklin County has experienced rapid population growth the past 10 years. The population grew from 10,772 in 1997 to 12,203 in 2007, a 13.2% increase. Franklin County is located on the Idaho/Utah border and is home to Franklin City, Idaho's first city. Its largest city, Preston, is the service and trade center for the county.

The county offers excellent fishing, abundant hunting and beautiful hiking trails among its many mountain and lake camp areas.

The county enjoyed population growth over the decade primarily because Utah residents moved across the border and took advantage of available land, affordable housing and the rural lifestyle Franklin County offers.



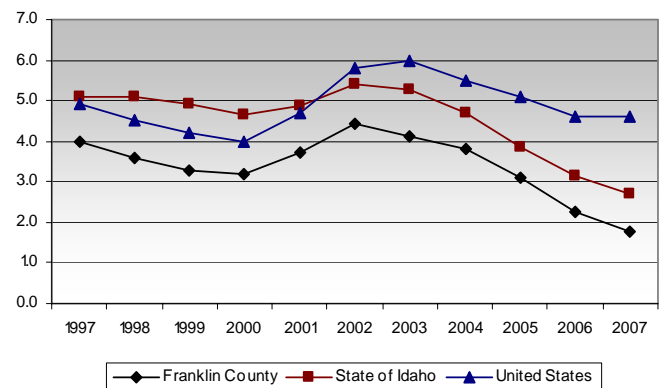
Labor Force & Employment

Franklin County has a diverse and highly skilled labor force with an excellent work ethic. The county had the lowest unemployment rate in southeastern Idaho in 2003 at 3 percent. When Del Monte closed its bean cannery plant in 1996 the unemployment rate rose but remained low at 4.5 percent, thus reflecting the resilient and industrious area workforce. This past year Franklin county has maintained a very low unemployment rate of 1.8%, which is due in part to many jobs opening in the oil fields of neighboring Wyoming and Utah.

Franklin County's location on the Idaho/Utah border provides labor force employment opportunities in nearby Logan, Utah. Brisk residential construction has added jobs in the county throughout the past several years.

Franklin County's civilian labor force grew 29.6 percent between 1997 and 2007. Ample employment opportunities, a unique lifestyle and outstanding recreational opportunities kept Franklin County's labor force at home and enticed workers from other areas to relocate to the area. Employment grew 45

Unemployment Rates



percent, creating jobs for most individuals who want to live and work in the Franklin County area.

The county's economy depends heavily on agriculture, but also enjoys a fairly diverse labor market fueled by manufacturing, retail trade and services. Most job growth occurred in services, trade and construction. Construction and the opening of new businesses over the past 10 years, along with staggering residential construction throughout the county, created service-sector and construction jobs.

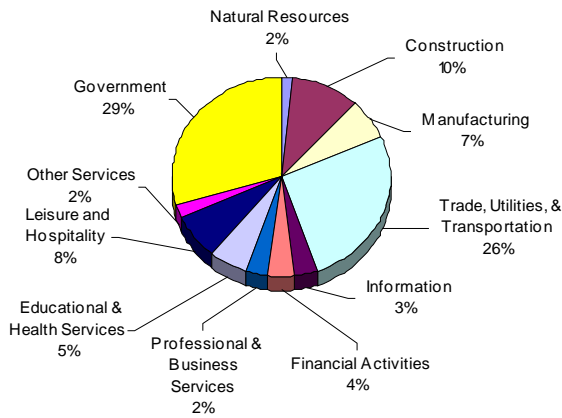
Labor Force	Sep 2007	Sep 2008
Civilian Labor Force	6,862	6,864
Total Employment	6,758	6,733
Unemployed	104	131
% of Labor Force Unemployed	1.5	1.9
State of Idaho % Unemployed	2.7	5.0
U.S. % Unemployed	4.7	6.1

Labor Force	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Civilian Labor Force	4,528	4,664	4,645	5,226	5,450	5,715	5,795	6,056	6,166	6,211	6,439
Unemployment	179	166	155	167	203	253	239	231	190	140	114
% of Labor Force Unemployed	4.0	3.6	3.3	3.2	3.7	4.4	4.1	3.8	3.1	2.2	1.8
Employment	4,349	4,498	4,490	5,059	5,246	5,462	5,557	5,824	5,976	6,072	6,326

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Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2007



Industry Employment & Wages

Because of the large agricultural base in Franklin County, trade and manufacturing go hand in hand providing 35 percent of all jobs in the county. The agricultural sector provides 7 percent of the jobs. When combined with the other two industries, nearly half of the jobs are agricultural or agricultural-related.

Government provides more than 30 percent of the jobs in Franklin County with approximately 90 percent of the jobs in local government. Most of those jobs are in education.

Wages in Franklin County are lower than most of the state, mainly because of the large number of jobs in the trade and services industries which often are entry level, low wage jobs.

Per capita personal income ranks in the lower half of the

Major Employers

Bear River Publishing
Egberts of Idaho, Inc
Lundahl Ironworks, Inc
Mountain West Driver Corp.
Pacific Power & Light
Ritewood, Inc.
Stokes Thriftway
Trails West Manufacturing

Occupational Wages*

Starting Wages

Cashiers	\$6.23
Cooks	\$6.76
Food & Beverage Servers	\$5.85
Janitors	\$6.86
Construction Laborers	\$8.10
Maids	\$6.83
Nurses, Registered	\$19.63
General Office Clerks	\$7.35
Auto Mechanics	\$10.24
Teachers	\$31,750.00

* Additional Occupational Wage data can be found on the Idaho Department of Labor Web site at lmi.idaho.gov.

state's counties at \$22,472. Although not among the highest in wages, the increase from the 1996 per capita wage of \$15,274 is 147.1 percent and is among the in among the largest increase in the state per capita personal income level and 67 percent of the national level.

Covered Employment & Average Annual Wages Per Job for 1997, 2006, & 2007	1997		2006		2007	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	2,238	\$16,794	3,142	\$23,279	3,308	\$24,138
Agriculture	132	\$14,160	189	\$17,449	194	\$19,036
Mining	*	*	46	\$28,215	*	*
Construction	81	\$14,925	313	\$30,984	315	\$30,149
Manufacturing	219	\$22,190	193	\$49,501	216	\$52,670
Trade, Utilities, & Transportation	551	\$18,670	785	\$23,103	828	\$24,052
Information	29	\$10,622	94	\$17,734	96	\$17,499
Financial Activities	67	\$16,108	115	\$27,171	122	\$24,771
Professional and Business Services	38	\$15,927	78	\$24,497	103	\$25,470
Educational and Health Services	106	\$13,572	165	\$16,607	180	\$19,036
Leisure and Hospitality	203	\$5,037	231	\$7,051	240	\$7,120
Other Services	47	\$11,563	46	\$16,138	49	\$18,102
Government	746	\$18,590	887	\$21,809	908	\$22,575

Per Capita Income	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Franklin County	\$15,683	\$17,442	\$18,056	\$18,666	\$19,692	\$18,653	\$19,867	\$21,936	\$22,669	\$23,004
State of Idaho	\$20,648	\$21,789	\$22,786	\$24,077	\$25,024	\$25,221	\$25,524	\$27,361	\$28,301	\$29,920
United States	\$25,334	\$26,883	\$27,939	\$29,843	\$30,574	\$30,821	\$31,504	\$33,123	\$34,757	\$36,714

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